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To: <u>John Ford (DHH)</u>

Cc: Little, Bill; Keith Horn (DSL Petro 2011)

Subject: RE: Devil"s Swamp Questions

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Forgot to answer how frequently we sample.

There has been one recent sampling event 2011,2012,2013,2014. During different years, different samples were collected as part of the investigation. Some times water and sediments. Other years fish. Other years crawfish.

But all is part of one event, one remedial investigation that provided the information for the state to conduct the review of the fish consumption advisory, and provided the information for the EPA to evaluate if further action is required to protect public health and the environment.

The remedial investigation report will be completed this year. The responsible parties will prepare a Feasibility Study to identify technologies and alternatives to be implemented in order to reduce unacceptable levels of risks. In other words, remediation of the Devil's Swamp Lake Superfund Site.

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A specific source for mercury is unclear. This is a large industrial area with multiple facilities that may have contributed to the presence of mercury.

The PCBs are more related to the former Rollins facility that operated in the 1970s and had a drainage ditch that discharged into the lake at that time.

Today there are no PCBs being discharged by the current owner of the former Rollins facility. These



are old PCBs that were discharged or released long time ago.

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Bart and Bill,

DHH received a few questions from the Associated Press.

- 1) What is the source of the mercury and PCBs? Does it have anything to do with Rollins?
- 2) How often do we/have we sampled the water in the area? Every year, every two years, etc?

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